(c) whether the price control order announced to protect consumer interests was used to protect the interests of producers;

(d) the details of the recommendations of BICP sent during 1994-95 and 1995-96 and not acted upon within four months along with the names of products and companies involved therein and whether all of them involved reduction in prices; and

(e) whether the Ministry had identified the officers responsible for the delay and if so, the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Recommendations in regard to prices of formulations based on Captopril, one of the drugs brought under price control under DPCO, 95 were first received from the DPRC Sub-Committee on 26.10.95. These prices were worked out on *suo moto* basis, on the basis of available DGHS data available to the Committee, in the absence of the notified price of the bulk drug Captopril. In the meanwhile steps were initiated for the price study of Captopril. Since normally the notified price forms the basis of the price fixation the recommendations based on DGHS data were not acted upon the prices of these formulations were reworked on the basis of bulk drug price notified subsequently on 3.4.96. The formulation prices have been issued on 23.8.96.

(c) and (d) On the same grounds, prices of formulations based on other bulk drugs like Ciprofloxacin, Cephadroxyl, Pentoxyphylline, Lynestrol, were not announced. This was a conscious decision and there was no delay.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Excavation of Stones

4071. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether several acres of land has been given on lease for the excavation of stones in Madhya Pradesh particularly in the Shivpuri district without environmental and forestry clearance from the Union Government;

(b) if so, whether several green trees have also been cut down due to the same; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh had forwarded a proposal for 15 stone mines in district Shivpuri involving 930.734 ha. of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The formal approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, has not been accorded to above mentioned proposal. However, on the request of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, this Ministry had allowed temporary permission from time to time for mining over forest area which had already been broken up. Breaking up of fresh forest area had not been permitted by the Ministry during this temporary permission, which has already expired on 30.6.96.

Wild Animals

4072. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the wild animals whose killing has been banned under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972;

(b) the other steps taken by the Government to preserve and protect these animals;

(c) whether the Government have received requests from the various State Governments that wild animals like neelgai, monkey, elephant etc., should be excluded from this list of check damage to the lives and crops caused by the such wild animals; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Killing of all wild animals covered under the Schedule I, II, III & IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is banned, except for special purposes which are specified under Section 11 & 12 of the said act.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to preserved and protect these animals are given in the statement attached.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State Governments have been advised to take action under Section 11 (i) (a) and (b) of the Act to deal with the problem causing animals to safeguard the lives and crops of the people.